

# MEMORANDUM

# STATE OF ALASKA

## Department of Community and Economic Development

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SUBJECT: **FFY01 Mini-Grant  
Status Report**

**1. City of Anderson #811215**

**\$30,000**

**Upgrade Riverside Park**

Original grant: 3/1/01 – 12/31/01

FR received to:

Balance = \$30,000

\$ Source: DC

The purpose of this grant is to upgrade Anderson Riverside Park, a 616-acre recreational park next to the Nenana River. Mini-grant funds will be utilized to improve the existing access road by laying approximately four feet of pit run gravel and one foot of D-1 gravel to the surface. A ditch system will also be installed to allow proper drainage and a honey bucket pump will be purchased to pump the portable toilets.

Funds released for expenditure effective 3/1/01.

**2. City of Aniak #unassigned**

**\$30,000**

**VPSO/Library Upgrade**

Original grant: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01

FR received to:

Balance = \$30,000

\$ Source: DC

The purpose of this grant is to move two existing buildings to city-owned property with sewer access. One building is currently being renovated to house a VPSO and the other building is the library. The new site is centrally located and is closer to Aniak's housing development, which will make both facilities more accessible.

Grant Agreement sent to City for signature on 4/4/01.

**3. Bristol Bay EDC #unassigned**

**\$30,000**

**Install Ice Plants**

Original grant: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01

FR received to:

Balance = \$30,000

\$ Source: FS

The purpose of this grant is to purchase and install portable Flake Ice Production Plants in the following communities: Dillingham, Egegik, Manokotak, Naknek, Port Heiden, Togiak, Twin Hills and Ugashik. Grant funds will be utilized to cover administrative and water engineering start-up costs for the first year of the three-year installation project.

Grant Agreement sent to Grantee for signature on 4/3/01.

**4. Cheesh'na Tribal Council #unassigned**

**\$30,000**

**Grocery Feasibility Study**

Original grant: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01

FR received to:

Balance = \$30,000

\$ Source: DC

The purpose of this grant is to prepare a feasibility study for the development of a mini-grocery store for the village of Chistochina. Grant Agreement sent to Council for signature on 4/4/01.

5. **Circle Traditional Council #811192**      **\$30,000**      **Sawmill Equipment Purchase**  
Original grant: 3/1/01 – 12/31/01      FR received to:      Balance = \$30,000  
\$ Source: DC

The purpose of this grant is to add a lumber drying kiln to an existing sawmill operation.

Funds released for expenditure effective 3/1/01. The Council plans to request a direct vendor payment (DVP) to Koetter Dry Kiln in the amount of \$13,750, which will enable the company to begin fabrication of the kiln. Grantee was notified of our DVP policy on 4/23/01.

6. **City of Cold Bay #unassigned**      **\$30,000**      **Scrap Metal Recycling Plan**  
Original grant:      FR received to:      Balance = \$30,000  
\$ Source: DC

The purpose of this grant is to remove scrap metal from the community and to develop an annual scrap metal recycling plan.

**Funding contingency:** Submit documentation showing that funding for both King Cove and Sand Point is secured by 6/30/01. Aleutians East Borough emailed status on 4/5; they are negotiating with barge companies to arrange hauling scrap from Cold Bay and False Pass only this summer, if possible.

7. **Denali Arts Council #811244**      **\$30,000**      **Renovate Community Hall**  
Original grant: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01      FR received to:      Balance = \$30,000  
\$ Source: DC

The purpose of this grant is to renovate an airplane hangar for use as a community center and theatre.

Funds released for expenditure effective 4/1/01. Grantee obtained Fire Marshal plan approval on 4/17/01; certificate on file.

8. **Fairbanks NSB EDC # unassigned**      **\$16,500**      **Purchase B/G Club Trailer**  
Original grant:      FR received to:      Balance = \$16,500  
\$ Source: FS

The purpose of this grant is to purchase an ATCO trailer unit to house a technology center in North Pole for the Boys and Girls Club.

**Funding contingency:** Identify exactly which communities are expected to benefit and provide an estimate of the total number of students who are expected to participate at the Club. Negotiation letter sent to grantee on 2/8; need Signatory Authority, budget clarification, O&M budget, match funds documentation (\$10,000) and written confirmation of compliance with federal ownership retention requirements on the equipment purchase. Faxed reminder on 4/4. Delay in responding is likely due to staff changes at FNSB Economic Development Council.

**9. City of False Pass #unassigned**

Original grant:

**\$30,000**

FR received to:

\$ Source: DC

**Scrap Metal Recycling Plan**

Balance = \$30,000

The purpose of this grant is to remove scrap metal from the community and to develop an annual scrap metal recycling plan.

**Funding contingency:** Submit documentation showing that funding for both King Cove and Sand Point is secured by 6/30/01. **See Cold Bay for status.**

**10. Funny River Emergency #unassigned**

Original grant: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01

**\$30,000**

FR received to:

\$ Source: DC

**Construct Fire Hall**

Balance = \$30,000

The purpose of this grant is to construct an insulated and heated metal building to temporarily house a fire engine until a permanent fire and disaster relief structure can be constructed with other funds. The structure will have continued usage after the permanent facilities are completed for storage of fire fighting and emergency rescue equipment.

Grant Agreement sent to Fiscal for execution on 4/30/01.

**11. Native Village of Kiana #unassigned**

Original grant:

**\$15,914**

FR received to:

\$ Source: DC

**Craft Marketing Plan**

Balance = \$15,914

The purpose of this grant is to develop an arts & crafts marketing plan/business plan.

**Funding contingency:** The ASC reduced the award by \$13,500 to a total of \$15,914 and stipulated that the use of MG funds be limited to marketing planning; require grantee to agree to this change in writing. Negotiation letter sent to grantee on 2/8; need contingency confirmation, revised budget, Signatory Authority and waiver of sovereign immunity resolution. Faxed reminder on 4/5.

**12. Naknek Native Council #811233**

Original grant: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01

**\$19,400**

FR received to:

\$ Source: DC

**Seafood Process Feasibility**

Balance = \$19,400

The purpose of this grant is to prepare a feasibility study and business plan for a community-owned cooperative value-added seafood processing facility in Naknek to serve the Bristol Bay area.

Funds released for expenditure effective 4/1/01. Contact reported on 4/19 that they only received one bid from an Alaskan vendor that was \$3,000 over budget. They will request permission to solicit bids from outside Alaska in writing, as required by the grant procurement policy.

**13. Nelson Lagoon V. Council #811143****\$14,995****Strategic Plan**

Original grant: 2/1/01 – 12/31/01

FR received to: 2/28/01

Balance = 11,358.75

\$ Source: DC

The purpose of this grant is to complete a Strategic Economic and Community Development Plan.

The Stadum Group was awarded the contract for the plan and the first public meeting was held on 2/28/01. The expected completion date is 6/30/01.

**14. NORTHWAY INC. #unassigned****\$28,875****Lodge Feasibility Study**

Original grant: 4/15/01 – 12/31/01

FR received to:

Balance = \$28,875

\$ Source: DC

The purpose of this grant is to complete a feasibility study for a lodge in Northway.

Grant Agreement sent to Grantee on 5/2/01 for signature.

**15. City of Nulato #811194****\$21,220****Townsite Survey/Subdivision**

Original grant: 3/1/01 – 12/31/01

FR received to:

Balance = \$21,220

\$ Source: FS

The purpose of this grant is to survey and subdivide two blocks to provide 20 new lots in the Nulato New Townsite. Additional lots are needed to allow for residential construction and for the construction of homes under the Tribal Council's housing programs.

Funds released for expenditure effective 3/1/01.

**16. City of Nunam Iqua #811148****\$30,000****Causeway Feasibility/Engineering**

Original grant: 2/1/01 – 12/31/01

FR received to: 3/31/01

Balance = \$30,000

\$ Source: FS

The purpose of this grant is to complete a feasibility/engineering study to determine the most cost-effective approach for causeway construction. The envisioned causeway would support water/sewer pipes, all other utilities and provide a route for intra-village transportation.

Funds released for expenditure effective 2/1/01. CE2 (an Anchorage engineering firm) was awarded the contract in compliance with the grant procurement policy.

**17. City of Ouzinkie #811242**

Original grant: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01

**\$30,000**

FR received to:

\$ Source: DC

**Restore Boardwalk**

Balance = \$30,000

The purpose of this grant is to restore the existing boardwalk to a safe condition so that it can be used by the local residents and for promoting local economic development in tourism.

Funds released for expenditure effective 4/1/01.

**18. Pedro Bay V. Council #811213**

Original grant: 3/1/01 – 12/31/01

**\$30,000**

FR received to:

\$ Source: DC

**Boat Landing Design**

Balance = \$30,000

The purpose of this grant is to complete a preliminary design for a public boat landing and waterfront.

Funds released for expenditure effective 3/1/01.

**19. Pilot Point T. Council #811216**

Original grant: 3/15/01 – 12/31/01

**\$29,183**

FR received to:

\$ Source: FS

**Energy Engineering Study**

Balance = \$29,183

The purpose of this grant is to complete the critical engineering studies necessary to proceed with developing co-generational wind power for the village of Pilot Point.

Funds released for expenditure effective 3/15/01.

**20. Port Alsworth Imp. Corp. #811214**

Original grant: 3/1/01 – 12/31/01

**\$26,000**

FR received to:

\$ Source: DC

**Road & Trail Plan**

Balance = \$26,000

The purpose of this grant is to define and establish legal public rights-of-way throughout the community and appropriately mark and map these to provide legal access for residents.

Funds released for expenditure effective 3/1/01.

**21. City of Ruby #811248**

Original grant: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01

**\$16,675**

FR received to:

\$ Source: DC

**Develop Riverfront Park**

Balance = \$16,675

The purpose of this grant is to develop a public park as an extension of the campground. Grant funds will be used to build a sheltered fireplace, tables, benches and fencing, and to provide fill, grass seed and landscaping.

Funds released for expenditure effective 4/1/01.

<b>22. <u>Seward Chamber of Commerce #811240</u></b>	<b>\$26,000</b>	<b>Media Campaign</b>
Original grant: 3/29/01 – 6/30/01	FR received to:	Balance = \$26,000
	\$ Source: FS/AIDEA/DC	

The purpose of this grant is to fund a media campaign that is designed to encourage economic growth and diversity for the community of Seward. The project will include the creation of a 20-minute video, an Internet PowerPoint presentation and a printed brochure.

Funds released for expenditure effective 3/29/01. This grant is funded with mini-grant funds leftover from prior years as follows: FFY99 USFS @ \$14,698 and AIDEA @ \$6,675. These funds terminate on 6/30/01. Grantee is aware of the time restrictions on the use of prior year funds. The remainder of the grant is funded with FFY01 USFS @ \$2,630 and FFY01 DC @ \$1,997.

<b>23. <u>Stebbins Community Assoc. #Unassigned</u></b>	<b>\$28,800</b>	<b>D/E Clinic</b>
Original grant: 4/1/01 – 12/31/01	FR received to:	Balance = \$28,800
	\$ Source: DC	

The purpose of this grant is to prepare an engineering study and preliminary design plans for a new clinic in Stebbins.

Grant Agreement sent to Grantee for signature on 4/2/01.

<b>24. <u>City of Thorne Bay #811191</u></b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>Site Appraisal &amp; Purchase</b>
Original grant: 3/1/01 – 12/31/01	FR received to:	Balance = \$30,000
	\$ Source: DC	

The purpose of this grant is to complete the preliminary design and appraisal of an industrial site and deep-water port and purchase of the site from the Alaska Mental Health Trust. Grant funds will be utilized for the land and timber value appraisals and purchase of the site.

Funds released for expenditure effective 3/1/01.

<b>25. <u>City of Togiak #811144</u></b>	<b>\$16,125</b>	<b>Arts &amp; Crafts Business Plan</b>
Original grant: 2/1/01 – 12/31/01	FR received to:	Balance = \$16,125
	\$ Source: DC	

The purpose of this grant is to prepare a business plan for the community's existing arts & crafts center.

Funds released for expenditure effective 2/1/01.

#### **25 mini-grants total**

**15** grants fully executed/funds released

**6** grants pending execution by grantee and Department

**4** grants with funding contingencies; 2 have a deadline of 6/30